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*Cindy Rabinovitz*

There are many elements of Christmas  
Which are truly rather funny,

One being that this dear holiday  
Revolves around spending money.

Think of a cozy family  
Gathered 'round a beautiful tree,

But the thoughts inside each person's mind  
Are far from filled with glee.

Mother is preoccupied  
With setting out the perfect buffet,

While Father is beginning to experience  
A feeling of dismay.

This year brother Danny  
Dreamed of receiving a new dirt bike,

But soon he was lamenting  
Why didn't they buy him a gift he'd like?

Sister Suzy hoped to hit the jackpot  
She wanted designer shoes.

Of course she didn't get them  
This barely began the family's blues.

Grandmother Edith couldn't stop thinking  
About how terrible dinner had looked.

Why couldn't her dear son have married  
A woman who knew how to cook?

Old Grandpa Joe was feeling woozy  
The eggnog had gone to his head,

And the thought of opening more useless gifts  
Made him yearn for his comfortable bed.

Auntie Iris would not cease complaining  
About how horrid the traffic had been.

They'd hit every light on Route 80  
There was no way a traveler could win!

Uncle Walter was battling a hangover  
The result of his office bash.

Positioning Rudolf on his rooftop  
Had ended in an ugly crash.

So now you see that at Christmas time,  
When expectations run quite high,

The dreams of friends, neighbors, and family  
Are difficult to satisfy.